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C.   AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously amended) A method of providing secondary
   functions from a menu item graphical control, said method
   comprising:
   including a plurality of graphical components with the menu
        item graphical control, each of the graphical
        components corresponding to a different programmed
        function, wherein the menu item graphical control
        includes a default area in addition to the plurality
        of graphical components;
   displaying the menu item graphical control with the
        included graphical components and the default area,
        wherein each of the graphical components are displayed
        in a position horizontal to the default area;
   receiving a selection from a user corresponding to the menu
        item graphical control;
   invoking a default function in response to the selection
        corresponding to the default area of the menu item
        graphical control; and
   in response to the selection corresponding to one of the
        graphical components, invoking the programmed function
        corresponding the selected graphical component.

2. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further
   comprising:
   displaying a sub-menu of selectable programmed functions in
        response to the user selecting a sub-menu graphical
        component.

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3. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 wherein at least one of the graphical components includes a graphical icon that is displayed on the menu item graphical control.

4. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:
   configuring the plurality of programmed functions using a configuration tool;
   modifying the menu item graphical control to include the graphical components corresponding to the configured programmed functions; and
   saving the configured plurality of programmed functions and the modified menu item graphical control.

5. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:
   configuring one or more secondary functions to include in a sub-menu;
   modifying the menu item graphical control to include a sub-menu graphical component corresponding to the sub-menu;
   saving the secondary functions and the modified menu item.

6. (Previously Cancelled)

7. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 wherein the programmed functions include one or more application programs.

8. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 wherein the programmed functions include one or more application functions corresponding to an application program and

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wherein the menu item graphical control corresponds to the application program.

9. (Previously amended) An information handling system comprising:

one or more processors;

a memory accessible by the processors;

a nonvolatile storage area accessible by the processors;

a display screen accessible by the processors;

an input device capable of a receiving input from a user
corresponding to data displayed on the display screen;
and

a secondary function menu item tool to include secondary
functions with a menu item graphical control, the
secondary function menu item tool including:

display logic for displaying a plurality of graphical
components with the menu item graphical control
on the display device, each of the graphical
components corresponding to a different
programmed function, wherein the menu item
graphical control includes a default area in
addition to the plurality of graphical
components;

menu item logic for displaying the menu item graphical
control with the included graphical components
and the default area, wherein each of the
graphical components are displayed in a position
horizontal to the default area;

input processing logic for receiving a selection from
a user corresponding to the menu item graphical
control;

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task scheduling logic for invoking a default function
in response to the selection corresponding to the
default area of the menu item graphical control;
and

in response to the selection corresponding to one of
the graphical components, task scheduling logic
for invoking the programmed function
corresponding the selected graphical component.

10. (Original) The information handling system as
described in claim 9 further comprising:
display logic for displaying a sub-menu of selectable
programmed functions in response to the user selecting
a sub-menu graphical component.

11. (Original) The information handling system as
described in claim 9 wherein at least one of the graphical
components includes a graphical icon that is displayed on
the menu item graphical control.

12. (Original) The information handling system as
described in claim 9 further comprising:
configuration logic for configuring the plurality of
programmed functions using a configuration tool;
graphic modification logic for modifying the menu item
graphical control to include the graphical components
corresponding to the configured programmed functions;
and
storage handling logic for saving the configured plurality
of programmed functions and the modified menu item
graphical control to the nonvolatile storage area.

13.   (Previously amended) A computer program product stored on a computer operable medium for providing secondary functions from a menu item graphical control, said computer program product comprising:

means for including a plurality of graphical components with the menu item graphical control, each of the graphical components corresponding to a different programmed function, wherein the menu item graphical control includes a default area in addition to the plurality of graphical components;

means for displaying the menu item graphical control with the included graphical components and the default area, wherein each of the graphical components are displayed in a position horizontal to the default area;

means for receiving a selection from a user corresponding to the menu item graphical control;

means for invoking a default function in response to the selection corresponding to the default area of the menu item graphical control; and

in response to the selection corresponding to one of the graphical components, means for invoking the programmed function corresponding the selected graphical component.

14.   (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 13 further comprising:

means for displaying a sub-menu of selectable programmed functions in response to the user selecting a sub-menu graphical component.

15.   (Original) The computer program product as described
in claim 13 wherein at least one of the graphical
components includes a graphical icon that is displayed on
the menu item graphical control.

16.   (Original) The computer program product as described
in claim 13 further comprising:
means for configuring the plurality of programmed functions
using a configuration tool;
(Original) means for modifying the menu item graphical
control to include the graphical components
corresponding to the configured programmed functions;
and
means for saving the configured plurality of programmed
functions and the modified menu item graphical
control.

17.   (Original) The computer program product as described
in claim 13 further comprising:
means for configuring a plurality of secondary functions to
include in a sub-menu;
means for modifying the menu item graphical control to
include a sub-menu graphical component corresponding
to the sub-menu;
means for saving the plurality of secondary functions and
the modified menu item.

18.   (Previously Cancelled)

19.   (Original) The computer program product as described
in claim 13 wherein the programmed functions include one or
more application programs.

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20. (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 13 wherein the programmed functions include one or more application functions corresponding to an application program and wherein the menu item graphical control corresponds to the application program

21. (Original) A method of providing secondary functions from a menu item graphical control, said method comprising:
configuring one or more secondary functions to include in a sub-menu;
modifying the menu item graphical control to include a sub-menu graphical component corresponding to the sub-menu, wherein the menu item graphical control further includes one or more graphical components corresponding to one or more programmed functions; and
displaying the sub-menu in response to a user selecting the sub-menu graphical component.

22. (Original) A method of providing secondary functions from a menu item graphical control, said method comprising:
configuring a plurality of programmed functions using a configuration tool;
identifying a plurality of graphical components for each of the programmed functions;
modifying the menu item graphical control to include the graphical components corresponding to the configured programmed functions;
displaying the menu item graphical control with the included graphical components;
receiving a selection from a user corresponding to one of the graphical components; and

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invoking the programmed function corresponding the selected
graphical component.

23.   (Original) An information handling system comprising:
one or more processors;
a memory accessible by the processors;
a nonvolatile storage area accessible by the processors;
a display screen accessible by the processors;
an input device capable of a receiving input from a user
        corresponding to data displayed on the display screen;
        and
a secondary function menu item tool to include secondary
        functions with a menu item graphical control, the
        secondary function menu item tool including:
        means for configuring one or more secondary functions
                to include in a sub-menu;
        means for modifying the menu item graphical control to
                include a sub-menu graphical component
                corresponding to the sub-menu, wherein the menu
                item graphical control further includes one or
                more graphical components corresponding to one or
                more programmed functions; and
        means for displaying the sub-menu in response to a
                user selecting the sub-menu graphical component.

24.   (Original) An information handling system comprising:
one or more processors;
a memory accessible by the processors;
a nonvolatile storage area accessible by the processors;
a display screen accessible by the processors;

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an input device capable of a receiving input from a user
    corresponding to data displayed on the display screen;
    and

a secondary function menu item tool to include secondary
    functions with a menu item graphical control, the
    secondary function menu item tool including:
    means for configuring a plurality of programmed
        functions using a configuration tool;
    means for identifying a plurality of graphical
        components for each of the programmed functions;
    means for modifying the menu item graphical control to
        include the graphical components corresponding to
        the configured programmed functions;
    means for displaying the menu item graphical control
        with the included graphical components;
    means for receiving a selection from a user
        corresponding to one of the graphical components;
        and
    means for invoking the programmed function
        corresponding the selected graphical component.

25.   (Original) A computer program product stored on a
computer operable medium for providing secondary functions
from a menu item graphical control, said computer program
product comprising:
means for configuring one or more secondary functions to
    include in a sub-menu;
means for modifying the menu item graphical control to
    include a sub-menu graphical component corresponding
    to the sub-menu, wherein the menu item graphical
    control further includes one or more graphical

components corresponding to one or more programmed
functions; and

means for displaying the sub-menu in response to a user
selecting the sub-menu graphical component.

26.   (Original) A computer program product stored on a
computer operable medium for providing secondary functions
from a menu item graphical control, said computer program
product comprising:

means for configuring a plurality of programmed functions
using a configuration tool;

means for identifying a plurality of graphical components
for each of the programmed functions;

means for modifying the menu item graphical control to
include the graphical components corresponding to the
configured programmed functions;

means for displaying the menu item graphical control with
the included graphical components;

means for receiving a selection from a user corresponding
to one of the graphical components; and

means for invoking the programmed function corresponding
the selected graphical component.